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### **Wolfner Advisory Council Meeting**

James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center  
SOS State Library Conference room, 2nd Fl.  
January 10, 2020  
Minutes

#### Welcome/ Call to Order

Introductions/Announcements

Roll Call

Steven Daley  
Kati Cawdron  
DeAnna Noriega  
Peter Altschul  
Walter Ross  
Melissa Kane  
Rita McGuire  
Leslie Bowman  
Verhonda Winters  
Mary Adams

Approval of Minutes for September

- Moved by Steve
- Seconded by DeAnna
- All approved at 10:05

#### Executive Deputy Secretary of State Trish Vincent

- Continue to look for Reader Services Manager.
- Deborah Stroup has retired, but Wolfner has a wonderful person coming in and will have transition training with Deborah
- Wolfner program continues to grow. Looking for efficiencies and any ideas that will help make the program more exciting.
- Legislative is not going to affect Wolfner this year

## Circulation Report – Verhonda Winters

- My Circulation team consist of nine staff with two newest addition to the team, Tim Schauffler started in November and Emma Deuschle, one-year anniversary this month with us.
- The team continues to duplicate books for patrons when there is not a copy on the shelf.
- Fusion, which includes JAWS and Zoom Text, installed on staff workstations.
- Preparing to send out 700 Winter Wolfner Newsletter on cartridges
- Each library is required to recycle a predetermined number of cartridges. Wolfner is waiting on a quota from NLS to send digital Recall cartridges for 2020.
- XESS Braille for 2020 -14 titles in April. Will offer the titles to other libraries who may need them.
- Over the year 493,511 checkouts of books through our circulation department, that also includes machines.

## Advisory Council recommendations

### State Librarian Robin Westphal

- Laura Kromer is the new director of Reference Services. Her goal is to do more marketing and outreach to different state departments, and to create reference guides for each department and for legislatives and their aids.
- New staff members in Library Development in the roles of grants officer, technology consultant and adult services consultant.
- Ten million dollar increase across the country to IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services). What that means for State Library is there will be an increase for grants to state programs. Largest increase IMLS has had in 12 years.
- Kansas City Public Library Director Crosby Kemper III has been appointed by the President as the new Director of IMLS.
- Legislative session has just gotten started. Watching some bills in particular that deal with personal property tax. Trying to reduce personal property tax, which has a specific impact to public libraries.
- Couple other bills that deal with conceal and carry as it relates to public libraries.

- Library Development is getting ready to put on a new director boot camp. There will be an introduction of Wolfner Library. Forty-seven new public library directors in the last three years.
- Great push from Leslie and team to reach public library directors in the state.
- Leslie spoke at Missouri Public Library Directors meeting in December. Because of her speaking there have been calls to Wolfner regarding libraries wanting to become institutional members.

## Public Services Report -- Leslie Bowman

### Personnel

- Salena Morgan, Reader Advisor, starts on Jan. 16
- Meghan McCormack has taken on Ginny Ryan's alphabet
- Since October 1 we have signed up 319 new patrons
- Going through patron applications who have not been served in over a year, making sure they are still patrons or no longer active

### Youth

#### Teen Writing Contest

- 9 patrons
- 7 poems
- 8 flash fiction
- Walter Barga (Missouri's First Poet Laureate) and Maura Browning (Manager of Communications) are the judges for poetry and flash fiction respectively
- Prizes:
  - First Place-IPad or Samsung Tablet w/ keyboard
  - Second Place-Livescribe™ Aegir Smartpen
  - Participation-Playaway® audiobook of The Grammar Girl's Quick and Dirty Tips to Clean Up Your Writing by Mignon Fogarty
- Friends purchased new STEM kit products
- Lisa Hellman is working to come up with ways to use them with individuals and given permission to go to public libraries and encourage our shared patrons to come for a program
- Working on youth newsletter. Will go out electronically.

### Early Literacy

- 8 new registrants since September 2019
- 17 currently participating
- 2 graduated since September 2019

### Programming

- November 2019: Farm-themed Story Time @ St. Louis County Library Branch
- January 2020: Block Party @ Missouri River Regional Library
- February 2020: Accessible Story Time and STEAM Program for Elementary School Students @ two Jefferson County Library Branches
- February 2020: STEAM Program for Elementary School Students @ Webb City Public Library, Joplin Public Library, and Carthage Public Library
- March 2020: Sensory Story Time and STEAM Program for Elementary School Students @ Scenic Regional Library Branches

### Summer Reading

- Kick off at MSB feat. Bobby Norfolk (funding pending)
- Kick off conference call(s) feat. Bobby Norfolk's CD
- Escape Room Programs collaborating with Alphapointe @ Overnight and Day Camps

### Youth Outreach

- March: NFB MO Chapter Meeting
- April: Missouri Association of School Librarians Conference
- June: Alphapointe Tech Camp

### Adult

#### Adult Winter Reading Program

- Theme: American Regionalism
- Now a challenge-based format where patrons have five reading goals to complete and they can choose the books that complete the goals.
- 42 patrons are currently registered.

- A Drop-In Book Club on Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. offered to participants so patrons can share the books they are enjoying with each other. 6 patrons are currently registered.

#### Author Talks

- Author Talk with Alex George, author of *A Good American*, scheduled for Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. 7 patrons are currently registered.
- Author Talk with Charlotte Hubbard, author of the *Seasons of the Heart* series, scheduled for Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. 9 patrons are currently registered.

#### Book Clubs

- Schedule and books for February through May have been chosen and announced in the Winter Newsletter.
- There are 37 patrons registered for regular participation 1 or more book clubs.
- 3 of the 15 new Book Club Kits have circulated; 8 more will be ready shortly.

#### Workshops

- The November New Patron Workshop went well. Six participated and provided positive feedback.
- February New Patron Workshop on Feb. 11 at 2 p.m., 1 registrant as of Jan. 9.
- March Information Literacy Workshop on March 17 at 3 p.m., 5 registrants as of Jan. 9. Fake news vs Real news

#### Outreach

- The Large Print Sticker Project has expanded to cover 119 libraries in 101 counties.
- The annual Overview of Wolfner Services webinar occurred on Oct. 29. 47 librarians from across Missouri and the other LBPD libraries participated. The archived webinar has been viewed 44 times.
- Wolfner Library will continue to participate in the Missouri Technology First initiative in 2020.
- Wolfner Library will attend Power-Up 2020.
- Information about the new and updated programs was sent to MCB, NFB-MO, MoAT, RSB, the St. Louis Society for the Blind, Alphapointe, and all ILRCs to share with their clients.

- We will present at NFB in March, Blinded Heartland Veteran's Conference in April, and have other opportunities on the schedule.
- Presentation LDMC directors meeting.

## Advisory Council recommendations

Reach faith communities

Suggestion of song writing, writing letters, or do a skit or sketch.

Get feedback from teachers on how to reach kids.

## Wolfner Library Director's Report - Bowman

- Amy Poos, Volunteer Services and Recording Studio Manager, will start on January 16, 2020. Deborah will be working part time and help train.
- Outreach and Reader Services Manager closes January 21 and interviews will take place in February.
- Tech II—Finance and Admin Support closes January 21 and interviews will take place in last week of January.
- The Wolfpack meeting on January 15 will be a sensitivity training led by Patti Schonlau of the Missouri Council of the Blind.
- The Wolfpack meeting on February 19 will consist of Newline Training with Scott White of NFB. The following week on February 26, Scott will do an intensive training of Reader Advisors and Librarians.
- The Wolfpack meeting on March 18 will consist of intensive Census training for our staff.
- The Friends of the Library would like to invest \$20,000 in a new recording booth. Next step is planning and coordination.
- The managers and I are hoping to attend the NLS conference in Lincoln, NE, May 16 – 21, 2020.

Advisory Council recommendations, scheduling next meetings, and other business

Next meeting will be over the phone. May 15, 2020

Adjournment

- DeAnna Noriega moved

- Steve Daley second
- Adjourned at 11:06